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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am certainly among the group of people who approve of the Microsoft antitrust case settlement. I believe that the federal government has had more than enough input into this matter and it's time to let Microsoft and the rest of the industry re-focus on business as usual.

The proposed settlement amply satisfies the concerns of Microsoft's competitors. Microsoft will now share information about the internal workings of Windows with its competitors, allowing them to more easily install their own software on Windows-based systems. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against vendors that use or sell non-Microsoft products. All of these terms will be enforced by a technical review committee, created by the settlement, to ensure that Microsoft adheres to the terms of its agreement with the Department of Justice. Further sanctions and restrictions would be unnecessary and counterproductive.

This antitrust case has dragged on for far too long, and the settlement is the best available option to bring it to a swift end. I fully support the settlement, and wish to go on record as doing so.

Sincerely,

Irving Kaufman